

### **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace paragraph 28 on page 5 with the following replacement paragraph:

[0028] A lead assembly 110 and lead system 100 are illustrated in Figure 1. Figure 1 is a diagram of a system 100 for delivering and/or receiving electrical pulses or signals to stimulate, shock, and/or sense the heart 102. The system 100 includes a pulse generator 105 and a lead 110. The pulse generator 105 includes a source of power as well as an electronic circuitry portion. The pulse generator 105, in one option, is a battery-powered device which generates a series of timed electrical discharges or pulses. The pulse generator 105 is generally implanted into a subcutaneous pocket made in the wall of the chest. Alternatively, the pulse generator 105 is placed in a subcutaneous pocket made in the abdomen, or in other locations. It should be noted that while the lead assembly 110 is illustrated for use with a heart, the lead assembly 110 is suitable for other forms of stimulation as well. For example, the lead assembly 110 can be used for ~~neuro-stimulation~~ neurostimulation.

Please replace paragraph 36 on page 8 with the following replacement paragraph:

[0036] One example of the supplemental outer ring includes a ring with high electrical conductivity, which is ~~and~~ movable by magnetic flux, for example, a copper ring. The supplemental outer ring can be magnetically swaged to compress the outer electrode 160 around the conductor 120 and the inner electrode 150. After the coupling process, the supplemental outer ring and the protective tubing can be removed. The supplemental outer ring optionally includes ridges on the internal diameter to localize contact.